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To: NSTC Project Review Board

From: Director, National Science and Technology Center

Subject: Progress Report on Approved Projects

This information bulletin serves as a report on the progress being made on the projects approved by the Board at its November meeting. A total of 141 project proposals were reviewed and 43 projects were recommended for further consideration by the National Science and Technology Center (NSTC). Attached are two spreadsheets that document the status of each project. The first spreadsheet lists all 141 projects, and the second spreadsheet separates out the 43 projects that were recommended for further action.

An e-mail message was sent to the 98 project proponents that were not recommended for further action at this time, and the proponents were encouraged to continue to look for collaborators. NSTC volunteered to offer assistance to the proponents where possible. Those projects recommended for further consideration were evaluated and an action plan developed. Some of the projects will be accomplished by NSTC staff while others are being discussed with the USGS as possible collaborators. Letters were sent to each of the 43 project proponents to inform them of the status of their request. Copies of each of the letters are attached to this memorandum. Each project has been assigned a responsible staff person at NSTC to ensure that the project is completed and the proponent is kept informed of the status.

The staff at NSTC has learned much about the process of reviewing project proposals and determining capability to respond to those proposals. In the near future, we will be coordinating a conference call to discuss how we should proceed in the future. It is obvious that there is more need than staff or funding will accommodate. I would suggest that our conference call focus, in part, on deciding if there are any proposed projects that we should recommend to Headquarters for funding support in FY 2002.

I appreciate the time that each of you have devoted to the Project Review Board and look forward to our continued activities. If you have any questions about our progress, please call me at (303)236-1142 or e-mail at lee_barkow@blm.gov.

4 Attachments

- 1 - BLM S&T Proposals for FY 2001 (7 pp)
- 2 - BLM S&T Proposals for FY 2001 (Short List) (3 pp)
- 3 - Key to S&T Proposal Summary (3 pp)
- 4 - Copy of S&T Memorandums (39 pp)

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